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### **Resolution # 136**

#### **AGAINST THE DOE'S CHANGES TO THE HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

**WHEREAS**, the DOE has a demonstrated track record of inaccuracies, glitches, errors, failures, and delays when utilizing on-line systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the instituted changes to the High School Directory reduce communication, transparency and accountability, as the DOE can make corrections and/or changes at any time without notifying families; and

**WHEREAS**, District 30 has an overwhelming number of families that are eligible for Free or Reduced Price lunch who may not have appropriate capabilities to equitably utilize the internet in their high school research; and

**WHEREAS**, New York City has over 700 public high schools from which to choose, making internet research less pragmatic than tactile, on-paper research; and

**WHEREAS**, the DOE has adopted from the School Diversity Advisory Group the recommendation to "Increase access to tools related to application and enrollment for families without internet access or a computer at home"; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2018 NYC DOE Report on Guidance Counselors shows that NYC public schools had 1 guidance counselor for every 224 students (in a school with high school grades), making it near-impossible for guidance counselors to devote any additional resources to help teach, train, facilitate on-line research for less tech-savvy families.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Community District Education Council for District 30, rejects the instituted changes to the High School Directory and ask that the DOE provide full paper copies of the Directory on-request by a District, School, and/or Family, as well as full copies to public libraries, AND a full, searchable PDF copy of the Directory on-line so that individuals and/or schools may print sections or pages as needed.

**VOTED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: June 17, 2019**